

Notice of Public Meeting

San Diego River Conservancy

A public meeting of the Governing Board of
The San Diego River Conservancy
will be held Friday,

January 19, 2007
9:30 am – 11:30 am

Location

**San Diego City Hall 202 "C" Street
Committee Room, 12th Floor
San Diego, California 92101**

Contact: Michael Nelson
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Meeting Agenda

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**

- 3. Public Comment**

Any person may address the Governing Board at this time regarding any matter within the Board's authority. Presentations will be limited to three minutes for individuals and five minutes for representatives of organizations. Submission of information in writing is encouraged.

- 4. Chairperson's and Governing Board Members' Report**

5. Executive Officer's Report

The following topics may be included in the Executive Officers Report. The Board may take action regarding any of them:

- (a) Executive Officer Activities
- (b) Office Location
- (c) Recruitment of Staff

6. Deputy Attorney Generals Report

7. Authorizing California Cultural and Historic Endowment Grant Application

The Board may consider adoption of Resolution 07-1 authorizing the Conservancy to apply to the California Cultural and Historic Endowment (CCHE) for grant funds to protect and restore the San Diego Flume.

8. Adoption of 2007 Work Plan

The Board may consider adoption of Resolution 07-02, which reconfirms the objectives of the *2006 – 2011 Five Year Strategic and Infrastructure Plan*, as well as the *Executive Officers 2007 Work Plan* which will incorporate and cross reference the San Diego River Coalition's 2007 Plan. The Executive Officer's 2007 Plan comprises projects selected from the *Five Year Plan* in each of its four programs:

Land Conservation
Recreation and Education
Natural and Cultural Preservation
Water Quality and Flood Conveyance

9. Adjournment

Accessibility

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SUMMARY REPORT
Meeting of January 19, 2007

ITEM: 1

SUBJECT: **ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SUMMARY REPORT
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ITEM: 2

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
The Board will consider adoption of the December 8, 2006, public meeting minutes.

PURPOSE: The minutes of the December 8, 2006, Board Meeting are attached for your review.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes

SAN DIEGO RIVER CONSERVANCY (SDRC)

Minutes of December 8, 2006 Public Meeting

(Draft Minutes for Approval January 19, 2007)

Chairperson Donna Frye called the December 8, 2006 of the San Diego River Conservancy to order at approximately 9:30 A.M.

1. Roll Call and Introductions

Members Present

Donna Frye, Chair	(City Council of San Diego)
Jerry Sanders	(Mayor, City of San Diego)
Toni Atkins	(Public at Large, Appointed by General Assembly)
Karen Scarborough	(Secretary of Resources Designee)
Ann Sheehan	(Director of Finance Designee)
Jim Peugh	(Public at Large, Appointed by Senate)
Andrew Poat	(Public at Large, Appointed by the Governor)
Anne Haddad	(Public at Large, Appointed by the Governor)
Michael McCann	(San Diego Regional Water Quality Board Designee)

Others Present

Michael Nelson,	Executive Officer
Haley Peterson,	Deputy Attorney General
Ann van Leer,	Consultant, San Diego River Conservancy

Absent

John Donnelly	(Wildlife Conservation Board Designee)
Norman Roberts	(Public at Large, Appointed by the Governor)

Chairperson Frye announced the departure of John Minan, the San Diego Regional Water Quality Board Designee and welcomed Michael McCann as the Water Quality Board's alternate designee

2. Approval of Minutes

Ann Haddad indicated that she abstained from the vote to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2006 meeting.

Anne Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by **Toni Atkins**. The minutes were adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

3. Public Comment

Any person may address the Governing Board at this time regarding any matter within the Board's authority. Presentations will be limited to three minutes for individuals and five minutes for representatives of organizations. Submission of information in writing is encouraged.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items

Chairperson Frye acknowledged the student visitors in the audience that were being led on a tour of City Hall by the Office of the Independent Budget Analyst.

4. Chairperson's and Governing Board Members' Report

Chairperson Frye introduced Michael Nelson, as the San Diego River Conservancy's new Executive Officer.

5. Executive Officer's Report

The following topics may be included in the Executive Officers Report. The Board may take action regarding any of them:

- a. Executive Officer Activities
- b. Office Location
- c. Recruitment of Staff

6. Deputy Attorney Generals Report

This item is for Board discussion only and will take no action. The following items will be included in the Deputy Attorney Generals report:

- a. Conflict of Interest Code / Statements of Economic Interest / Form 700
- b. Ethics Training

Haley Peterson, Deputy Attorney, informed the Board about the statutory requirement that they complete and File Statements of Economic Interest / Form 700 that are due the beginning of April.

She reminded the Board that it had adopted a Conflict of Interest Code.

Haley further advised that the board members must complete an ethics-training course within six months of taking office and then at two-year intervals.

7. Discussion Items

a. Conservancy Operations

Discussion and possible action regarding practices and protocols of the Governing Board and staff. Topics should include subjects that could improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the San Diego River Conservancy and its Governing Board. Subjects might include participation by Board Members, meeting agendas, presentations, and tours

Toni Atkins stated that the 2nd Friday on alternating months conflicted with meetings at SANDAG that both she and the Mayor attend.

Karen Scarborough said that the Coastal Conservancy doesn't have set days, but does take other agencies schedules into consideration.

Andrew Poat made a presentation regarding a possible direction for the Conservancy's operations. His presentation emphasized the following components: the need for a message, and a story to tell: the cultivation of partners; business, work and communication plans, assignments for the Executive Officer and the Board.

b. Strategic Objectives / Executive Officer's Work Plan

Review and reconfirm the objectives of the 2006-2011 Five Year Strategic and Infrastructure Plan and examine a proposed annual work plan developed by the Executive and Interim Executive Officers

Michael Nelson, Executive Officer presented a proposed 2007 Work Plan, the projects were assembled according to the four programmatic areas stated in the Strategic Plan: Land Conservation, Recreation and Education; Natural and Cultural Resources Preservation; Water Quality and Natural Flood Conveyance; and Miscellaneous Strategic Projects.

Chairperson Frye stated that she wanted the Board to carefully review both the Strategic Plan and Executive Officers work plan to make certain that there were no discrepancies between the plans and the Conservancy's role. It is important that these

plans reflect what the Board wants regarding partnerships, funding and the establishment of a track record.

Chairperson Frye also requested that the Work Plan include in addition to the specific reference about Proposition 84 that other propositions and fund sources be examined, as well as opportunities to add staff.

Ann Sheehan stressed the importance of flexibility in adopting Plans, that it be a "living document" that would allow the Conservancy to capture any unforeseen opportunities.

Karen Scarborough said that she didn't believe that major amendments were necessary to the Strategic Plan, but rather an overlay of the annual work plan.

Jim Peugh emphasized that it was critical to include the wishes of the public, particularly the San Diego River Coalition

Chairperson Frye encouraged the members to pull together their thoughts and share them with the Executive Officer for a meeting in January to approve the Work Plan.

Public Testimony

Mark Weston, General Manager of the Helix Water District stated that his company's relationship with the Conservancy was a good example of how the Conservancy could be effective in the long run. Though one of the largest property owners in the Rivers watershed, it operated as a single owner with a single vision prior to the existence of the Conservancy. It was only considering a golf course, but now is pursuing a major river restoration project. It changed our focus. It is the "conscience of the community." Work plan is so large, staff so small, that it will be hard for the Conservancy to accomplish anything, if it doesn't use its partners. The model of a great work plan with lots of tasks, won't work for the Conservancy, if it doesn't work if it doesn't use its partners.

Rob Hutsel, San Diego River Coalition endorsed the Work Plan speaking on behalf of the San Diego River Park Coalition. He appreciated the value of a manageable annual work program and stated that it was consistent with the Coalition's Work Plan. He also expressed a willingness to schedule the development of their work plan on a timetable compatible with the Conservancy's program

Michael Beck, San Diego River Park Foundation spoke to the issue of establishing a track record. He stated that the scope of what we are trying to accomplish is so massive, that adequate staff is critical. The San Diego River Park Foundation has similar adjectives as the Conservancy and is undertaking their own strategic planning process.

He referenced the donation of the White property as example not only for the need for more staff, but the need for changes within state government to promote the donation and acquisition of property.

He stated that it is critical for that the Foundation and the Conservancy work in concert to achieve a synergy, which will allow the establishment of a track record for both organizations.

Additionally, he referenced the value of an ex officio mechanism to directly engage the Conservancy's primary partners.

General Board Discussion

Chairperson Donna Frye summarized some of the themes that emerged from the Board's discussion and the public comments, particularly, staff deficiencies, the establishment of a track record, as well as the ability to develop an ex-officio role for major partners.

Andrew Poat emphasized that the integration of key partners was an example of what he felt the development of business plans could accomplish.

Anne Sheehan added that one of the Boards she works with conducts a forum for its partners and constituents immediately following its formal meetings.

Karen Scarborough suggested that the Board consider using a publicly noticed teleconference.

Karen Scarborough acknowledged the need for staff, but encouraged the Executive Officer to challenge and fully utilize Board members to provide assistance. Anne Sheehan said as an example, she

chairs the Public Works Board, which handles most of the State's real estate transactions and is willing to help if notified.

Toni Atkins endorsed the strategic plan and the first draft of the annual work plan. She referenced Michael Beck's comments regarding the time consuming nature of real estate transactions and the need for more discussion on this topic. She also expressed her support for expanding the Board to include ex-officio members, but acknowledged the need for a legal analysis of what was possible. She proposed the idea that an annual retreat, which includes our partners, could be of value to the preparation of an annual work plan.

Karen Scarborough and Anne Sheehan stressed the importance of fostering working relationships among Board members and that the Conservancy should consider planning workshops, lunches and other activities for this purpose.

Jim Peugh gave a general endorsement of the work plan and expressed a desire for a closed session on real estate.

Chairperson Frye stated that there was general consensus for the Work Plan, and encouraged members to make suggestions or comments to the Executive Officer and bring them to the meeting in January. She also asked the members to give some thought to the idea of scheduling of workshops, retreats and field trips.

Chairperson Frye before adjournment expressed her gratitude for Jack Minan's service and mentioned his willingness to continue to be resources for the San Diego River Conservancy.

8. Adjournment

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SUMMARY REPORT
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ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: **PUBLIC COMMENT**

PURPOSE: Any person may address the Governing Board at this time regarding any matter within the Board's authority which is not on the agenda. Submission of information in writing is encouraged. Presentations will be limited to three minutes for individuals and five minutes for representatives of organizations. Presentation times may be reduced depending on the number of speakers:

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ITEM: 4

SUBJECT: **CHAIRPERSON'S AND GOVERNING BOARD
MEMBER'S COMMENTS**

PURPOSE: These items are for Board discussion only and the Board
will take no formal action.

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ITEM: 5

SUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**
The following topics may be included in the Executive Officers Report. The Board may take action regarding any of them:

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ITEM: 6

SUBJECT: **DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT**
This item is for Board discussion only and the Board will
take no formal action. (*Hayley Peterson*)

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ITEM: 7

SUBJECT: **AUTHORIZING CALIFORNIA CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL
ENDOWMENT GRANT APPLICATION**

PURPOSE: The Board may consider adoption of Resolution 07-1 authorizing the Conservancy to apply to the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) for grant funds to protect and restore the San Diego Flume.

STRATEGIC PLAN
CONSISTENCY

This item will help to implement Program 2, Project 1.5, *Improve the Historic Flume Trail*, of the Five Year Strategic and Infrastructure Plan.

BACKGROUND:

At the Conservancy Meeting of August 11, 2006, the Governing Board approved resolution 06-04 authorizing a grant to Lakeside's River Park Conservancy (LC) for the purchase of the first flume property, a 2.25 mile section near Lake Jennings in the El Monte Valley. The LC is currently working with the property owner on that transaction.

At the Conservancy Board Meeting of October 13, 2006, the Governing Board approved two resolutions, 06-12 and 06-13, authorizing the Conservancy to apply to the Resources Agency for Prop 50 and Prop 40 River Parkways funds for the acquisition of additional flume properties in the El Monte Valley. The Proposition 50 grant for these acquisitions has been submitted and has cleared the first screening. The Proposition 40 grant is under development.

THIS ACTION:

The action is for the Governing Board to approve a resolution, 07-1, authorizing the Conservancy to apply to the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) for a grant to begin detailed planning and design for the preservation and interpretation of the flume properties.

The CCHE was created by the Legislature in 2002. The agency was established to fund projects through a competitive grant process to tell

the stories of California. CCHE funds are derived from Proposition 40 and this current grant window is the last scheduled round of CCHE Prop 40 funding. Grants are due by March 1, 2007.

The San Diego River Conservancy has been working with property owners in the El Monte Valley owning property along the San Diego flume between Lake Jennings and the El Capitan Reservoir. This effort has been undertaken with assistance from the Helix Water District, the County, the Endangered Habitats Conservancy and the Lakeside River Park Conservancy. While securing the properties is critical, planning for long term preservation and interpretation is equally important.

The goals of this planning effort include but are not limited to: (1) defining general interpretive opportunities for the six mile section between Lake Jennings and the El Capitan Reservoir; (2) identification of specific preservation opportunities and constraints such as protection of the rock walls and methods to traverse eroded washes; (3) and planning for staging areas, including access routes to and from staging areas to the flume.

Potential Partnership with the Helix Water District:

Discussions with Helix Water District (Helix) staff have identified a wonderful opportunity to tie two important flume historical features together in one project. Helix staff has suggested a possible flume staging location on Helix property near the former caretaker's residence at the El Monte Pump Station, located across from the Hanson pond.

This location, along a strait section of El Monte Road near the entrance to the valley, is the location of one of the original pumping stations for the flume. While the building and its equipment are no longer in use, with the proper creative and historical interpretation, the site could be restored to showcase the important historical role played by water and the San Diego River while also serving the very practical purpose of providing visitors a way to access the flume trail at the entrance to the valley.

The Helix Water District currently provides educational field trips for school groups to their modern treatment plant in Lakeside. With the future renovation of the El Monte Pump Station and an added staging area for the flume, this site could be incorporated into their ongoing education program.

With the approval of this item today and of the Board of the Helix Water District, the Conservancy will incorporate the use and

interpretation of the El Monte Pump Station site into this CCHE planning grant for the flume.

San Diego River Area:

The flume between Lake Jennings and the El Capital Reservoir and the El Monte Pump Station are located completely within the Conservancy's half mile San Diego River Area.

LEGAL CONCERNS: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTS: Resolution 07-1.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolutions 07-1.

**Resolution of the Board of Governors of the San Diego River Conservancy
Approving the application for CCHE Grant Funds for the
California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE)
Under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal
Protection Act of 2002**

Name of Applicant: San Diego River Conservancy

Title of Project: Preserving the Historic San Diego Flume

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002, which provides funds to the State of California for the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) Grant Program and;

WHEREAS, the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the Grant Program, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, these procedures require the Grant Applicant to certify by resolution the approval of an application before submission of the application to the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE); and

WHEREAS, if the Grant Applicant is awarded a grant, the Grant Applicant will enter into a Grant Agreement with the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) for the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Diego River Conservancy

1. Approves the filing of a CCHE Grant Application for the above Project to be funded from the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal; Protection Act of 2002 and;
2. Certifies that the Grant Applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project, and where applicable, to complete the Project; and
3. Certifies that the Grant Applicant has reviewed, understands and agrees to the General Provisions of the Grant Agreement; and
4. Appoints the executive officer as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, Applications, Agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number _____ was duly adopted by the San Diego River Conservancy following a roll call vote:

Ayes

Noes

Absent

Secretary/Clerk

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
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ITEM: 8

SUBJECT: Adoption of 2007 Work Plan



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Date: January 19, 2007
To: Governing Board / San Diego River Conservancy
From: Michael Nelson, Executive Officer
Subject: Item 8 Executive Officer's 2007 Work Plan

Recommendation: Seek direction and guidance from the Governing Board regarding the following draft work plan prepared by the Executive and Interim Executive Officers after an examination of strategic plan objectives, project status summaries, and site inspections. Recognizing that the San Diego River Conservancy's Five Year Strategic and Infrastructure Plan recommends projects totaling \$164,000,000 in four programmatic areas, I believe the development of an annual work program would provide a critical focus for my 2007 activities, as well as a means for the Governing Board to measure the performance of the Executive Officer.

I also understand that there are ongoing projects not listed here that the Conservancy will continue to manage, and that opportunities will emerge that will require SDRC to be flexible and pursue them. I realize that the members of the Governing Board will also be a source of new projects. Nonetheless, I believe it is important for the Conservancy to have an annual work program, albeit, one that is dynamic and subject to change.

I have included recommendations and proposals made at the 12.08.06 Board meeting and would like to appropriately incorporate the 2007 Work Plan of the San Diego River Coalition.

LAND CONSERVATION

Pursue a preservation strategy through acquisition or other means of 10 key river properties in 3 reaches and establish a donation strategy for all reaches of the San Diego River:

- **Preservation of six key properties in San Diego reaches**
Strategic Plan, Program 1, Project 1.5
- **Preservation of two key properties in the Santee Reach**
Strategic Plan, Program 1, Project 1.4
- **Preservation of two key properties in the Headwaters Reach**
Strategic Plan, Program 1, Project 1.1
- **Streamline policies to encourage land donations**
The Conservancy's effort over the past year to secure the donation of the White property has brought this issue to the forefront. I propose to work with the private and public agencies to implement policies to better support voluntary donations.
Strategic Plan, Programmatic Issues, Projects 1 and 2

RECREATION AND EDUCATION

Place emphasis on the acquisition and development of key sections of the San Diego River Park Trail, as well as public safety.

- **Feasibility study to connect key area in the Mission Valley Reach**
One of the key connections to the river trail is between the Mission Valley YMCA and Sefton Field. A feasibility study is needed to turn this concept into a project. This 2007 work item will include seeking funding to develop a conceptual plan to make this connection.
Strategic Plan, Program 2, Project 1.9
- **Continued preservation of the flume in the El Monte Valley Reach**
Continue preservation of the flume properties in the El Monte Valley between Lake Jennings and the El Capitan Reservoir. Work with the private property owners and public agencies to address staging issues. Begin to conceptualize interpretative opportunities along the flume including and seek funding for implementation.
Strategic Plan, Program 2, Project 1.4
- **Connecting key areas in the Lakeside Reach**
Work with public and private partners to connect the river trail from Santee Border to the Lakeside River Park Conservancy-owned trail.
Strategic Plan; Program 2, Project 1.6

- **Making the river safe in all reaches**

Place emphasis on the development of public safety projects, such as a volunteer patrol, and strengthen the Conservancy's relationship with the San Diego Police Department and County Sheriff to "Make the River Park Safe."

Strategic Plan, Program 2, Project 3

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION

Support the cultural preservation and interpretation of the river as well as enhancement of its natural resources.

- **Investigate and engage in efforts to determine and Adaptive Reuse of old Caltrans Building in Old Town.**

New item, not in Strategic Plan

- **Map and identify and manage projects to remove invasive vegetation and replant natives.**

Strategic Plan, Program 3, Project 1.1

WATER QUALITY AND NATURAL FLOOD CONVEYANCE

- **Finalize and sign draft Memorandum of Understanding with Bureau of Reclamation (U.S. Dept. of Interior) to develop Scope of Work for Hydrology Assessment of San Diego River Watershed. Work with the partners to begin implementation of the assessment.**

Strategic Plan, Program 4, Project 1

MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS

- Commence building a network and relationships with key state legislators and staff, as well as public officials in state, local and federal government.
- Examine the practices and operations of other conservancies, particularly their approaches to land conservation. Recommend preferred acquisition procedures, methodologies and relationships with the Board.

- Explore the development a more direct role for key partners, including ex officio memberships, corporate counsels, governmental working groups jurisdiction.
- Consider an annual retreat to prepare the Annual Work Plan as an addendum to the Five Year Strategic Plan, which includes the Conservancy's partners.
- Work with Resources Agency to secure Proposition 84 funding and become familiar with funding opportunities that may exist within other recently enacted propositions.
- Pursue partnership with San Diego State University.
- Draft and distribute a letter of introduction to all landowners in SDRC's jurisdiction.

Status Report of Current Active Implementation Projects for the San Diego River as of December 8, 2006

LAND CONSERVATION

Calmat/Vulcan Acquisition (Lakeside Reach)

Strategic Plan, Program 1, Project 1.3

In 2003, the Lakeside Conservancy was awarded \$2,200,000 from Proposition 40 and \$2,000,000 from Proposition 13 to purchase the Calmat/Vulcan property. This action occurred before the creation of the SDRC. That purchase closed in two phases in December 2003 and June 2004. The Lakeside Conservancy is now actively implementing a restoration plan on the property and will complete the major design features of this first phase in early 2007. They are holding an open house and tours of the restoration project on January 20, 2007.

Hanson Ponds (El Monte Reach)

Strategic Plan, Program 1, Project 1.2

The San Diego River Park Foundation has been recommended for a \$1.5 million Proposition 50 grant towards the purchase approximately 34 of 145 acres of the Hanson Pond property located in the El Monte Valley. The sale price is approximately \$5.5 million. A subsequent \$250,000 Recreational Trails Program grant has recently been submitted on behalf of the Endangered Habitats Conservancy (EHC). EHC will complete the acquisition and biologically and physically link the project to the adjacent 460 acre Helix restoration project. The Hanson and Helix restoration projects will include an extension of the San Diego River Park trails system.

Helix El Monte Property (El Monte Reach)

Strategic Plan, Program 1, Project 1.2

The Endangered Habitats Conservancy is collaborating with the Helix Water District on an EHC proposal to restore 460 acres of Helix Water District-owned land in the El Monte Valley. The project was previously presented to the SDRC by Mark Weston, General Manager of Helix Water District and Michael Beck. The project is included in SDRC's Strategic Plan. On November 15, 2006, the Helix Water District determined that the most expeditious and secure manner to implement the project is to sell the land with a deed restriction requiring that the restoration project developed by EHC be implemented and that the EHC team be responsible for restoration implementation. EHC and/or partners will submit an offer shortly, which will initiate a public bidding process.

Flume Properties (El Monte Reach)

Strategic Plan, Program 2, Project 1.5

At its meeting of August 11, 2006, SDRC approved a grant of up to \$100,000 to the Lakeside River Park Conservancy for the purchase of a 2.25 mile flume property in the El Monte Valley. The Lakeside River Park Conservancy is currently in discussions with the property owner. At its meeting of October 13, 2006, SDRC authorized its executive officer to submit a grant to the Resources Agency for Proposition 40 and 50 funds to

purchase additional flume properties. The Proposition 50 grant was submitted and is under review. The Proposition 40 grant is under development.

Eagle Peak (Headwaters Reach)-

Strategic Plan, Program 1, Project 1.1

At its meeting of September 10, 2004, the SDRC approved a resolution supporting the San Diego River Park Foundation's (SDRPF) purchase of 204 acres using Proposition 40 funding for the first phase of the Eagle Peak Preserve. The grant amount was \$175,000 and the grant was awarded on August 4, 2006. The second phase totaling 204 acres was acquired with private funds and will be owned and managed by the SDRPF by the first quarter of 2007. On August 11, 2006, SDRC approved a resolution supporting the SDRPF's purchase of the third Eagle Peak Preserve acquisition of 180 acres; the Proposition 40 grant amount is \$527,000. An appraisal for the property has been completed; negotiations are pending the outcome of an appraisal review, which is expected in December 2006. The Proposition 40 River Parkway grant will be submitted once this is completed. SDRPF has raised in excess of \$125,000 in donations and pledges for this acquisition. An additional 20 acres will be acquired from cash donations received by SDRPF.

White Property (Headwaters Reach)

Strategic Plan, Program 1, Project 1.1

This 102-acre gift is pending action at the Public Works Board. We hope to be on the PWB agenda in January 2007.

RECREATION AND EDUCATION

Ocean Beach Bike Path (Estuary to Mission Valley Reaches)

Strategic Plan, Program 2, Project 1.9

At its meeting of September 10, 2004, the Conservancy supported the City of San Diego's grant request for \$2,000,000 from Proposition 40 funds to extend the Ocean Beach bike path approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile (4,100 linear feet) from Pacific Highway to Sefton Field. That grant has been awarded and the City has indicated it will go out to bid in spring of 2007. The City has completed environmental review and has a number of the required permits. Additional permits are being sought. Construction is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2007.

Lakeside River Trail Inaugural Segment (Lakeside Reach)

Strategic Plan, Program 2, Project 1.6

At its meeting of August 11, 2006, the SDRC supported the Lakeside River Park Conservancy's request for \$203,000 to construct trail improvements totaling approximately 1 mile on their property (the former Calmat Property). That grant has been approved and improvements are scheduled to begin in March 2007 and completed six to eight months later. The Lakeside Conservancy has also received another grant totaling \$250,000 to improve a feeder trail to the river from the north.

Highway 163 Pedestrian and Cyclist (Mission Valley Reach)
Strategic Plan, Program 2, Project 1.9

The City of San Diego will soon reach 30 percent design of this key under crossing. As of November 2006, City surveyors are surveying the route under the bridge and the connections to the east and west portions of the river trail. In 2007, the City will start permit processing and environmental reviews. The City has secured partial funding for the project but may seek as much as \$800,000 from the SDRC at a later date to complete the construction, which is expected in 2009.

San Diego River Gorge Trail (Headwaters Reach)
Strategic Plan, Program 2, Projects 1.1 and 1.2

At its meeting of August 11, 2006, the SDRC approved a resolution authorizing the Executive Officer to submit a grant for Proposition 40 funds for First Phase improvements to over 4 miles of the San Diego River Gorge Trail. A grant of \$105,210 was submitted and is now under review by the Resources Agency. On October 13, 2006, the SDRC approved a proposal by the Ramona Trails Association to submit a Proposition 40 grant for approximately \$250,000 for the Second Phase of the project, which includes a comfort station, drinking fountain, view areas and trailheads.

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION

Mission Valley Preserve (Mission Valley Reach)
Strategic Plan, Program 3, Project 1.5

At its meeting of September 10, 2004, the SDRC supported the City of San Diego's grant request for \$500,000 to remove invasive species on 4.22 acres of the Mission Valley Preserve. The grant was recently approved and the City is planning to issue a request for proposals for the work by the end of 2006 and begin the work in 2007.

Presidio Park Slope Preservation (Mission Valley Reach)
Strategic Plan, Program 3, Project 2.3

The City of San Diego received \$1,200,000 in state and federal disaster grants to cover the cost of this project to stabilize approximately 450 lineal feet of failed slope along Taylor Street just east of the access road to Presidio Park. The City hopes to have awarded the project for design by mid-December. The City's preliminary schedule shows design and environmental documents to be completed by June 2007. Construction is scheduled for September 2007 and construction completion slated for February 2008. The access road will also be reconstructed following the slope stabilization work. This work may include construction of retaining walls along the top and toe of the slope.

Old Mission Dam Dredging Project (Mission Trails Reach)
Strategic Plan, Program 3, Project 2.2

The City of San Diego is seeking authorization to remove 750 cubic yards of silt from behind the dam. As of November 2006, they have all of their permits in hand except

their Fish and Wildlife Section 7 permit. The estimated project cost is approximately \$1,200,000. Dredging activity is approximately \$650,000 and wetland mitigation is \$500,000. The City is currently seeking funding to cover the approximately \$250,000 needed to complete the work.

WATER QUALITY AND NATURAL FLOOD CONVEYANCE

Hydrology Assessment for the San Diego River Watershed *Strategic Plan, Program 4, Project 1*

The Conservancy and Bureau of Reclamation have been working to finalize and sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to develop Scope of Work for Hydrology Assessment of San Diego River Watershed. With the governing board's acceptance of the Executive Officer's 2007 Work Plan, this MOU will be finalized.

San Diego River Work Plan – 2007



Adopted by the San Diego River Coalition on December 15, 2006

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TRAILS

	Project	Action	Description
1	Upper Gorge Trail - Saddleback to San Diego Country Estates	Construction	Make Improvements to trail. Finalize agreements between interested parties (Helix Water District, National Forest Service)
2	El Monte Road to Cactus County Park	Feasibility Study	Determine feasibility of creating this trail segment. Include relationship to horse trails
3	Lake Jennings to San Diego River Trail	Feasibility Study	Investigate alignment opportunities to establish trail connection between Lake and River Park
4	Lakeside Gateway Bridge	Feasibility Study	Investigate opportunities for trail over Highway 67 and River
5	Lakeside Segment	Construction	Construct trail along River in Lakeside on existing riverfront segment.
6	Mast Park to West Hills Parkway / MTRP	Feasibility Study	Explore feasibility of constructing this portion of the San Diego River Trail including horse trail and paved trail. Include connection to Fanita Parkway/Santee Lakes and Forester Creek
7	San Diego Mission Road to Ward Rd	Feasibility Study	Explore trail alignment options for north side of the River
8	Normal Heights to River Park	Feasibility Study	Explore opportunities to create connection from Normal Heights to River Park using the existing Mission City Parkway
9	FSDRIP Road Crossing Demonstration Project	Construction	Implement a demonstration project based upon recommendations of feasibility study being conducted
10	163 Under or Over Crossing - north side	Construction	Construct connection for FSDRIP trail and trail to Fashion Valley Road.
11	Sefton Field to Goshen Street	Feasibility Study	Study extension of trail and connections to Friars Road. Include bridge design feasibility and connection to Trolley Station
12	Mission Valley Preserve	Construction	Construct trail segment to link Hotel Circle Place to Pacific Highway and existing trail to Dog Beach
13	MV Library to Stadium	Construction	Construct trail segment from Fenton Marketplace to Stadium

PARK ASSEMBLAGE and ACQUISITIONS

	Project	Action	Description
1	River Park - General	Acquisition/Access	Whenever opportunity exists to work with a willing seller, acquisition should be strongly considered- acquisition in fee title or by easement. Agreements may also be reached with owner to achieve goals of River Park. Projects include the protection of historic resources and key tributaries.
2	Public Lands Mitigation Strategy including pursuit of mitigation banks in Lakeside and elsewhere	Study	Develop habitat mitigation strategy for acquisition of lands building upon work SDRPF has already completed
3	Eagle Peak Preserve	Acquisition	Add additional acreage to Eagle Peak Preserve which serves as eastern entry to River Park
4	Hanson Aggregates Pond	Acquisition	Complete acquisition of 100+ acre pond to become element of River Park
5	Kaiser and Denton Ponds	Pursue Access	Work with land owners toward including area between Friars Road and San Diego Mission Road in River Park
6	Mission City Preserve	Pursue Access	Work with City of San Diego Water Department and HG Fenton toward including lands between I-15 and 805 in River Park
7	Old Caltrans Building	Acquisition	Pursue acquisition for incorporation into State Park and redevelopment of site to build connections with river and history of the area

STUDIES, SCIENCE and EDUCATION

	Project	Action	Description
1	Groundwater Monitoring Program	Study	Develop groundwater monitoring program for river park from El Monte Valley to I-5 to better understand restoration design issues. Include public education component and inventory of well data
2	Financing Plan	Study	Create implementation and management/maintenance financing opportunities study
3	Hydrology and Hydraulics Study	Study	Conduct a study and establish a model for the hydrology and hydraulics of the river including an analysis of river crossing options and impacts.
4	Estuary Sediment Transport Model and Management Practices Study	Study	Conduct a study of sediment movement in the estuary and investigate viability of river mouth opening. Develop any management recommendations required.
5	Camping Needs Assessment	Study	Conduct a study to explore the opportunities to have an integrated camping experience along the River and determine the feasibility and needs of the facilities as well as user serving amenities/businesses
6	Wildlife Corridor and Connection Study	Study	Explore issues related to the current status of wildlife corridors along the river and to nearby/adjacent open space areas. Identify current barriers and habitat needs as well as opportunities for enhancements on a species specific basis. Also explore the influence of urban runoff and its effect on habitat conditions. Develop recommendations for future projects.

			Create a site specific education/service learning program for public elements of the River Park. Examples of potential programs include the Lakeside High School Ranger Project, coordination with local universities, High Tec High and Middle School, and the Headwaters to Ocean Watershed Camp. Existing materials and programs should be used to build the basis for an integrated and coordinated program to encourage students to continue studies in science and other disciplines as well as to foster research from local universities and other institutions to create a "living laboratory" and "field classroom."
7	River Education Program	Establish	
8	Watershed Signage Program	Establish	Support City of San Diego's efforts and enlarge program

HABITAT and WILDLIFE

	Project	Action	Description
1	Habitat Restoration Strategic Plan	Planning	Create a comprehensive plan for the eradication of non-native invasive vegetation and providing and improving habitat within river park natural areas. Explore permitting and financing options
1B	Pursue a mechanism to implement invasive, non-native vegetation controls along river	Planning	A watershed approach may be required. Consider Weed Management Areas (either creating a new one or incorporating into existing San Diego WMA) or other mechanisms. Review existing models in the County and elsewhere for case studies. Include public education components
2	Riparian Restoration - Mast Park - MTRP	Construction	Remove non-native invasive vegetation between Mast Park mitigation project and Mission Trail Regional Park
3	Green Gateways - River Entry Points	Construction	Work with Caltrans to establish pilot green gateway landscaping project along or within roadways
4	Riparian Restoration - SD Mission Rd to Ward Rd	Construction	Work with Department of Fish and Game to remove non-native invasive vegetation on the property east of Ward Road
5	Riparian Restoration - Lakeside	Construction	Remove non-native vegetation and restore habitat in Lakeside stretch of River Park

WATER QUALITY and RIVER STRUCTURE

	Project	Action	Description
1	San Diego Mission Road	Feasibility Study	Investigate feasibility of raising road crossing to create all-weather crossing. Consider opportunity for seasonal trail under bridge
2	San Diego River Tributary Natural Channels Study	Feasibility Study	Conduct a study to determine locations and feasibility of returning tributaries and side drainages in Mission Valley to natural channels; i.e., "daylighting" the channels
3	Tributary Pre-Treatment Study	Feasibility Study	Investigate opportunities to treat runoff from canyons prior to entering San Diego River. Include a range of options including treatment ponds
4	Estuary Cobble Removal	Construction	Remove cobble in Estuary west of I-5
5	Golf Course Source Reduction Program	Program	Create information program for golf courses along River to reduce fertilizer, herbicide and other pollutants from entering River
6	Murray Creek Treatment Wetlands	Feasibility Study	Conduct study to create treatment wetlands in Murray Creek along 163 between Friars Rd. and Hazard Center Drive
7	Kumeyaay Lakes and Berm Restoration	Construction	Dredge accumulated sediment from Kumeyaay Lakes and restore upstream berm
8	Famosa Slough Pond #1 Refurbish	Construction	Refurbish Pond #1 treatment wetlands At Famosa Slough
9	El Monte Valley/San Diego River Restoration Project	Support	EHL and Helix Water District is designing and, if feasible, implementing the El Monte Valley/ San Diego River Restoration project on 2 miles of river channel east of Lakeside.
10	Create Bio and WQ Monitoring Programs	Establish	Support the expansion of existing programs such as SDRPF, San Diego Stream Team, LRPC and FoFS
11	River Science Field Station - LRPC	Construction	Create a field station on LRPC owned property

PARK AMENITIES

	Project	Action	Description
1	River Garden	Construction	Create a public native plant garden on City-owned land at Camino del Rio N and Mission City Parkway
2	Trolley Education Project	Construction	Work with MTS to develop a information campaign at the SD Trolley stations along the River
3	Estuary Interpretive Center	Conceptual Study	Investigate the feasibility of creating an interpretive facility for the River and Mission Bay on the north side of the river
4	Trail Entrance (Gateway) Project	Construction	At an entry to the River Park, create an artistic entry gate. Suggested site is at the south end of Murphy Canyon Road
5	Estuary Signage Program	Construction	Install entry kiosks, trail markers, interpretive and regulatory signs, & benches from Dog Beach to I-5 on both sides of River, including Famosa Slough
6	Tierrasanta Blvd View Overlook	Feasibility Study	Explore View Overlook opportunities at or near end of Tierrasanta Blvd to create a waystation and potential future trail connection
7	Sefton River Park / Gateway	Construction	Pursue conversion of ballfields to dedicated park with improvements to entry, comfort station and park-serving amenities
8	Lakeside River Park Site Plan - Hanson Site	Planning	Develop planning and programmatic documentation for the creation of an active park on the Hanson site in Lakeside.
9	Lakeside Nature and Cultural Center	Planning	Develop planning and programmatic documentation for the creation of a Nature and Cultural Center on the Hanson site in Lakeside

Historical and Cultural

	Project	Action	Description
1	Historic Mission Flume Protection	Study	Explore protection of old flume from western boundary of Mission Trails Regional Park(outside of park) to Admiral Baker Recreation Area. Investigate needs for additional interpretation, with a primary goal of protecting the flume
2	Historic Interpretive Tour	Establish	Self-guided walking tour using SD Trolley, linking historic sites together including Old Town, Presidio Park, Mission San Diego de Alcalá, Native American village sites, etc.
3	Old Mission Dam Dredging	Construction	Water behind dam needs to be dredged to reduce accumulated materials
4	Presidio Park Master Plan	Planning	A master plan is needed to coordinate future park development and resource protection.
5	Presidio Park Hillside Stabilization	Construction	Include actions to stabilize the hillside above Taylor Street
6	Living History Center	Study	Explore the potential for a living history center focusing on the cultures of the groups who lived along the river.